Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Announces Safety Blitz Focusing On Young Workers

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On April 27, 2011, the Ontario government announced that it will launch a safety blitz on May 1 intended to protect young workers by ensuring that employers are complying with regulations under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. In part, the initiative will focus on whether young workers are:

- being instructed, trained and supervised on jobs;
- using proper safety measures, equipment and procedures to prevent injuries; and
- meeting minimum age requirements for the work they are doing.

Inspectors will focus on workplaces where youth are employed, including restaurants, nursing homes and low-rise construction sites.